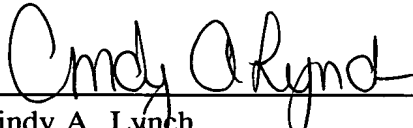


REMARKS

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. (Amended) An expandable medical device comprising:
 - a plurality of elongated beams, the plurality of elongated beams joined together to form a substantially cylindrical device which is expandable from a cylinder having a first diameter to a cylinder having a second diameter[, the plurality of the elongated beams having a beam width in a circumferential direction];
 - a plurality of hinges connecting the elongated beams having a hinge width, wherein the hinge width is smaller than the beam width;
 - a pawl disposed adjacent to [and substantially parallel to] the hinge prior to expansion of the medical device;
 - a plurality of teeth adapted to receive the pawl.
17. (Amended) The expandable medical device according to Claim 7, wherein the elongated beams further [includes] include a plurality of apertures disposed [therethrough] therein, and a beneficial agent is disposed within the apertures.
20. (Amended) The expandable medical device according to Claim 1, wherein the elongated beams further includes a plurality of apertures disposed [therethrough] therein, and a beneficial agent is disposed within the apertures.